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ABSTRACT

A new test of religiosity was developed, since it was felt that religiosity was more complex than could be explained by the two previously used factors: intrinsic and extrinsic. Committed religiosity was defined as those behaviors and attitudes which indicate total dedication to religious beliefs; that is, they provide a purpose in life and the personal strength to achieve that purpose. Nominal religiosity describes the person whose life style indicates that the religious organization or philosophy has been accepted so that the individual receives personal or social gratification from an external source of power. Protestant ministers and church members provided adjectives describing these two types, and the rating scale was constructed. It was completed by 199 people representing 11 religious affiliations. Principal components analysis revealed thirteen significant factors, six of which were interpretable: (1) general religion; (2) closed-minded, ecclesiastical nominalism; (3) situational religion, true nominalism; (4) utilitarian nominalism; (5) anti-clerical, personal commitment; and (6) true commitment. Three second order factors were interpretable: nominalism; self centered narrow mindedness; and general religiosity. Preliminary questionnaires and the 130-item committed Nominal-Religious Attitudes Scale are appended. (GDC)

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In a 1946 study of prejudice, Gordon Allport looked at the interaction between religion and prejudice, a study which he continued until his death. In 1953, in the book The Nature of Prejudice, Allport first looked at two basic types of religiosity which he called the "institutionalized religious outlook" and the "interiorized religious outlook." In 1959, Allport introduced the terms "intrinsic" and "extrinsic" religious orientation to replace his earlier terms.

Wilson, in 1960, constructed a scale of extrinsic religiosity in a study of the correlations of religiosity with anti-Semitism. Wilson's scale was unidimensional with intrinsic seen as the obverse of extrinsic religiosity. In 1964, Feagin followed up Wilson's work by devising a new Intrinsic-Extrinsic scale to measure relationships among religiosity, theological orthodoxy and prejudice. Feagin made an interesting discovery, that there were two distinct factors at work, one intrinsic and one extrinsic. Allport and Ross in 1967 followed with another study using the intrinsic-extrinsic scale in which they isolated a seperate factor which they described as "indiscriminately proreligious."

In all of these studies, it was felt that the scales used to measure intrinsic-extrinsic religiosity were weak. The finding of Allport and Ross of an unexpected dimension opened the possibility that religiosity was more complex than two factors could account for. Therefore, it was decided

that a new scale to measure religious attitudes was needed.

Because of the overtones that the words intrinsic and extrinsic have, which may or may not be applicable in the present setting, it was decided to utilize two new terms and to define them as to their use in this context. The method chosen for gathering items for the scale also demanded a clear and precise definition of the basic terms. The working definition of committed religiosity was: Those behaviors and shared attitudes seen in an individual whose life style indicates a total dedication to the religious beliefs which he holds in such a manner that these beliefs give him a purpose and goals in life and the personal strength to strive to achieve them. Nominal religiosity was defined as: Those behaviors and shared attitudes seen in an individual whose life style indicates that he has aligned himself with a religious system, be it an organization or a system of thought, in order to receive personal or social gratification from a perceived power source outside of himself.

The development of the Committed-Nominal Religious Attitude Scale was a two phase project. Initially, an open ended questionnaire was returned by 56 ministers and church members of five Protestant denominations all of whom were contacted through their ministers. These questionnaires defined committed and nominal religiosity and asked the respondent to describe 4 real persons they knew who exemplified each of these two constructs. The adjectives and descriptive phases used in these descriptions were pooled to find the

basic behaviors and characteristics which were common to the various individuals described.

The descriptive adjectives and phrases were then written as items for a scale. These items were sorted and called according to a proportionate formula based on the number of times the particular adjective was used by the initial sample and according to whether they met the monotonic requirement of a Likert-type scale. Numbers for the items were assigned randomly.

The scale which had been assembled was distributed to 500 respondents in four seminaries, twenty congregations, six student religious foundations, the faculty of two colleges, four convents and one order of lay brothers in several locations. Of these, 205 completed and six uncompleted questionnaires were returned from groups representing 11 religious affiliations in four geographic areas.

The data were analyzed using a computerized factor analysis program using the principal components analysis. In the initial run, it was determined that thirteen factors were significant, so only these thirteen were rotated obliquely on a second run. Four second order factors were found significant and rotated. Factor loadings of .40 and larger were used to select items to define the factors. Six first order factors and three second order factors had sufficient number of items with the required loadings to be interpreted.

The first factor was a general positive orientation toward religion, both personal and institutional. It was primarily made up of items concerning personal faith, but it also contained a large number of items concerned with living a religious life, worship in and acceptance of the institutional church, and the security, peace and rewards found in religion. To a lesser degree this factor involved items covering the communication of ones religious beliefs, participation in religious activities outside of formal worship, certainty and narrowness of beliefs, and prayer. This factor was designated "General Religiosity" since it included both nominal and committed elements. It showed a large measure of commitment in the items involving personal faith, performance of religious activities, worship in church, sharing religious beliefs, and prayer. But it also showed many nominal items. The personal security and narrowness of belief items were definitely nominal in that they served personal and not religious motives. Some of the items concerning the church and sharing religion have a nominal flavor while not being distinctly either nominal or committed. The overall factor has a feeling of social desirability about it.

The second first order factor was named Closed-Minded, Ecclesiastical Nominalism. This factor was a style of nominalism that was basically very closed-minded and oriented

toward a particular congregation and its teachings, worship and other activities. It also had items involving outward appearance in the church, habitual or traditional practices, ritualism, and personal gain from religion. While the items in this factor described active participation in the life of the church, there is very little in any of the items that could be seen as a religious commitment. Rather there was a commitment to a specific social group for very nominal religious reasons according to the definition I stated previously.

Situational Religion; True Nominalism was the name given the third factor. It was composed primarily of items which manifested a pragmatic situational approach to religion, and a lack of commitment to anything but self and personal gain. It also had a strong sense of ambivalence. These attributes were seen in relation to both institutional and personal religion. The label "True Nominalism" refers to the fact that this factor protrays a person who is a member of a church and superficially or nominally identifies with religion; but who has no commitment to his faith.

The fourth factor was labeled Utilitarian Nominalism. The major emphasis of this factor was in its utilitarian subjection of religion to serve personal, business and social needs. It also contained items which focused upon egotistical and prejudicial thinking. It also includes the habitual

nature of religious activities which was seen in the previous factor. Again as in the second factor, this factor contained items describing a person who was involved in the church as a social group for non-religious reasons.

The fifth factor was called Anti-Clerical, Personal Commitment. At first glance it appeared that this factor contained a paradox. It had three items with strong loadings which were critical of church leadership. However, most of the rest of the items showed a marked personal commitment to religious faith. It was thought that this style of religiosity is seen many times in the present today world where people keep their basic faith while withdrawing from the leadership of the institutional church because they disagree with the handling of the business and activities of the church. The only items in this factor referring positively to the church have to do with the education of children in the church.

The sixth, seventh and eigth factors did not contain enough items with high loadings to be interpretable.

The nineth factor, labelled True Commitment, fulfills ~~the authors~~ my own view of true religious commitment. It was based in items concerning personal faith and devotion, humble evaluation of one's religious life, and a strong conviction in what one believes. This conviction gave it a slight tinge of closemindedness which was seen in two items. It also had some items which insinuated personal gain as a

motive; but in the context of the factor as a whole, they did not seem to be nominal. Rather, these items gave the impression of total commitment. Many other items of strong religious commitment in this factor did not appear in any other factor.

The last four factors were not interpretable.

Now let us move on to look at the second order factors. Three of the four were interpretable. The first second order factor was called Nominalism and loaded positively on the third and forth first order factors: of Situational Religion; True Nominalism and Utilitarian Nominalism. It loaded negatively on the nineth first order factor, True Commitment. It was also positively loaded on the thirteenth first order factor which had four items which put social considerateness ahead of religious faith.

The second was named Self-Centered Narrow Mindedness. It was loaded positively on the second and fourth first order factors, Closed-minded, Ecclesiastical Nominalism and Utilitarian Nominalism as well as on an uninterpreted first order factor, number ten, which was composed of four items all of which were self-centered and/or narrow minded in content. It was negatively loaded on the thirteenth factor which had four items of social considerateness.

The third was called General Religiosity. It loaded positively on the following first order factors, given in

descending order from the highest loading: the first, General Religiosity; the fifth, Anti-Clerical Personal Commitment; the seventh, uninterpreted; the nineth, True Commitment and the fourth, Utilitarian Nominalism.

Either the first, first order factor, or the third, second order factor could be the same as Allport's "indiscriminately pro-religious" category.

It can be seen from these results, which make good intuitive sense, that a dichotimous breakdown of religiosity is too simplistic. This has been the finding of Spilka and his associates (see Allen and Spilka, 1967, and Spilka and Reynolds, 1965) and of ~~Hall~~ King and Hunt, (1969) in other factor analytic studies. However, as tends to be the case with factor analysis, these other results differ considerably in some respects from the present one.

Further efforts in this area need to be made, and indeed are being made. ~~The author~~ (I) have completed a study utilizing the present instrument in a study of ethnocentric, narrow minded and socially desirable thinking as they relate to religiosity, which will be presented at the APA Convention in Washington before the new Division 36.

DIRECTIONS

Please fill in the following information. It is very important for our research for you to give us all of the information requested. Please do not write your name on the form anywhere since we wish to protect your anonymity.

Age: _____ Sex M F (Circle one) Race: _____

City & State: _____ Highest level of education: _____

Occupation of head of household: _____

Social status level of family (estimate and check one):

_____ Upper-upper
_____ Lower-upper
_____ Upper-middle
_____ Middle-middle
_____ Lower-middle
_____ Upper-lower
_____ Lower-lower

Religious affiliation (Catholic, Methodist, Southern Baptist, Pentacostal, Reformed Judaism, etc.): _____

Religious position: (Minister, deacon, church school teacher, layman, etc.)

_____

Number of church worship services attended in an average month: _____

Number of other church functions attended in an average month (Socials, circles, classes, service group, fellowship group, discussion group, other) _____
(Please circle type or types)

Political position (estimate and check one):

_____ Radical liberal
_____ Liberal
_____ Left of center
_____ Middle of the road
_____ Right of center
_____ Conservative
_____ Ultra Conservative

(Directions) 2.

On the following pages are statements about social and religious beliefs, attitudes, and opinions. We all think differently about such matters, and this form is an attempt to let you express your beliefs and opinions. There are no right or wrong answers since everyone has a right to his own thinking. Please respond to the items according to the following scale by circling the number of your choice:

Agree Completely	+3
Agree Strongly	+2
Agree	+1
Disagree	-1
Disagree Strongly	-2
Disagree Completely	-3

Do not spend too much time on any one statement. Answer as best you can and then go on; don't go back once you've answered a statement since you will tend to read ideas into it that are not intended.

ITEM	RESPONSE					
	Agree			Disagree		
1. I feel that my religion makes my life worthwhile.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
2. Some people act as if church work is all I have to do.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
3. Most ministers should improve their sermons to make them interesting to people.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
4. I reserve time on the Sabbath for fulfilling religious duties.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
5. I never trust anyone who doesn't believe in God.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
6. I do not mind discussing my religious convictions with those who disagree.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
7. Hippies prove that when people of their type have too much freedom, they just take advantage and cause trouble.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
8. I enjoy talking to others about my religious beliefs.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
9. Anyone who wants to be socially respectable should belong to some church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

	ITEM	RESPONSE					
		Agree					Disagree
10.	To compromise with our political opponents is dangerous because it usually leads to the betrayal of our own side.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
11.	I feel that I should attend worship services whenever I can.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
12.	I feel that I can learn a great deal from talking to others about living a religious life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
13.	I think it is more important to live a good life now than to bother about life after death.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
14.	I love to dress up in new clothes for Easter services.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
15.	I am thankful for the guidance of others in improving my religious life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
16.	In times like these, a person must be pretty selfish if he considers primarily his own happiness.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
17.	If Negroes live poorly, it's mainly because they are naturally lazy, ignorant and without self-control.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
18.	I think churches should have more revivals	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
19.	Negroes have their rights but it is best to keep them in their own neighborhoods and schools and to prevent too much contact with whites.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
20.	I feel that 10% of my earnings is the beginning point and not the goal of my giving to God.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
21.	Most of my activities center around the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
22.	I am not ashamed to tell people exactly what I give to the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

	ITEM	RESPONSE					
		Agree					Disagree
23.	For the good of all, the Mexicans who have flooded into the Southwest should be sent back home as soon as possible.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
24.	The highest form of government is a democracy and the highest form of democracy is a government run by those who are most intelligent.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
25.	While some things upset me, I try not to dwell on them.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
26.	The church needs to work hard to keep our children from becoming hippies.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
27.	There is nothing new under the sun.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
28.	All of my religious activities are habits.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
29.	I always make an effort to be of help to others.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
30.	I think everyone should make a special effort to attend church on Easter Sunday.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
31.	The worst crime a person could commit is to attack publicly the people who believe the same thing he does.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
32.	Heaven and Hell are very real to me.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
33.	I have always done my religious duties as my parents taught me.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
34.	Most people just don't give a "damn" for others.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
35.	I am absolutely certain about my religious beliefs.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
36.	I firmly hold to my religious convictions.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
37.	There may be a few exceptions, but in general, Jews are pretty much alike.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

	ITEM	RESPONSE					
		Agree					Disagree
38.	It is often desirable to reserve judgement about what is going on until one has had a chance to hear the opinions of those one respects.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
39.	One should always attempt to deepen his understanding of his faith.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
40.	I try to handle any rough situation with prayer.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
41.	The main thing in life is for a person to want to do something important.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
42.	A man who does not believe in some great cause has not really lived.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
43.	God is more important to me than my family.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
44.	My religious beliefs have carried me through bereavement and happiness.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
45.	In the long run the best way to live is to pick friends and associates whose tastes and beliefs are the same as one's own.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
46.	I don't mind giving money to keep up the church building.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
47.	I have never worried about giving beyond my means.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
48.	Personal problems have strengthened my faith.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
49.	My faith has given me the confidence to do things.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
50.	Most of the ideas which get printed nowadays aren't worth the paper they are printed on.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
51.	I usually attend church if I have nothing pressing to be done.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE					
	Agree					Disagree
52. You shouldn't bore non-religious people by discussing your religion with them.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
53. In a heated discussion I generally become so absorbed in what I am going to say that I forget to listen to what others are saying.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
54. I enjoy telling others who are interested about my religious concerns.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
55. I am sometimes embarrassed when people talk personally about their religious life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
56. I try to follow the teaching of my faith.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
57. I find forgiveness through confession to God.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
58. No wrong is unforgiveable in God's eyes.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
59. In this complicated world of ours the only way we can know what's going on is to rely on leaders or experts who can be trusted.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
60. Once I get wound up in a heated discussion I just can't stop.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
61. I feel very secure in my faith in God.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
62. I try to give both of my time and of my money to the service of God.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
63. I have always tried to be a regular guy both while I'm in church and when I'm not.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
64. In a discussion, I often find it necessary to repeat myself several times to make sure I am understood.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
65. One can promote peace and justice through the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
66. I do not mind giving to a church building fund since I can see where my money is going.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE					
	Agree					Disagree
67. I try to worship at the weekday services as well as on the Sabbath.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
68. A person who gets enthusiastic about too many causes is likely to be a pretty "wishy-washy" sort of person.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
69. Fundamentally, the world we live in is a pretty lonesome place.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
70. One trouble with Jewish businessmen is that they stick together and prevent other people from having a fair chance in competition.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
71. I enjoy reading religious magazines and literature.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
72. All the miracles in the Bible are true.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
73. I try to be realistic in applying religious ideals to my life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
74. I try to read the Holy Word regularly.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
75. I feel completely forgiven by God.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
76. Most people have some mental reservations about the teachings of the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
77. I attend church more often than most of my neighbors.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
78. I have never been embarrassed about discussing my religious convictions.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
79. I feel that my relationship with God influences all of my life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
80. I do not always measure up to my own religious ideals.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
81. It is only natural that a person would have a much better acquaintance with ideas he believes in than with ideas he opposes.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
82. I always temper my religious beliefs with reality.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE					
	Agree					Disagree
83. I wish ministers would preach more on the Bible and less on politics.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
84. The people who raise all the talk about putting Negroes and Mexican-Americans on the same level as whites are mostly radical agitators trying to stir up conflicts.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
85. I would give my life for my faith.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
86. My religious beliefs are such that I must speak out against what I feel is wrong.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
87. Even though freedom of speech for all groups is a worthwhile goal, it is unfortunately necessary to restrict the freedom of certain political groups.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
88. I try not to accept responsibilities in the work of the church that I cannot fulfill completely.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
89. It is impossible to be happy without being deeply religious.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
90. I worry most about what may happen to me that I'm not expecting.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
91. There are two kinds of people in this world: those who are for the truth and those who are against the truth.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
92. There is so much to be done and so little time to do it in.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
93. I feel that prayer is essential to my life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
94. My faith has helped me to accept misfortunes.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
95. My ideas on religion have always been fairly loose.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
96. I think it is more important to go to church than to be active in politics.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
97. My faith helps me to conquer all my fears.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE Agree					Disagree
98. The United States and Russia have just about nothing in common.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
99. Through confession to God, I have found peace.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
100. Most people just don't know what's good for them.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
101. Religion is important in one's getting the best from life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
102. One should make his moral decisions according to the situation at hand.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
103. A group which tolerates too many differences of opinion among its own members cannot exist for long.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
104. Church attendance is one of my good habits.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
105. In times like these it is often necessary to be more on guard against ideas put out by people or groups in one's own camp than by those in the opposing camp.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
106. Beautiful church rituals are the greatest part of religion to me.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
107. Of all the different philosophies which exist in this world there is probably only one which is correct.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
108. I don't have time to worry about religion when I'm not at the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
109. I feel I am qualified to give people advice on many aspects or religion.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
110. My being a church member has helped me many times in my business life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
111. I feel I have established many good contacts at church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
112. If given the chance I would do something of great benefit to the world.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE					
	Agree					Disagree
113. I think the different races are more comfortable in their own churches.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
114. I'd like it if I could find someone who would tell me how to solve my personal problems.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
115. It is a mistake to have Negroes for foremen and leaders over whites.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
116. I feel everyone should send his children to services on the Sabbath.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
117. There are a number of people I have come to hate because of the things they stand for.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
118. One of the main reasons I attend church is to see my old friends.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
119. Most church leaders should learn how to run things in a business-like way.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
120. It is only natural for a person to be rather fearful of the future.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
121. I trust God completely with my life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
122. I feel that my religious convictions have had a positive influence on all aspects of my life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
123. I can hardly imagine myself marrying a Jew.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
124. A person who thinks primarily of his own happiness is beneath contempt.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
125. I feel it is a bad policy to disagree with anyone about religious beliefs.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
126. I have found peace with myself because of my religion.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
127. I have never questioned the teachings of my church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
128. Many church leaders are not forceful enough in handling the church's business.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE Agree					Disagree
129. I have received a great deal from religion in times of crisis.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
130. I try to apply my religious convictions to my work.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
131. I think the church offering should be used locally.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
132. I enjoy visiting sick or shut-in people to cheer them up.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
133. Prayer and meditation seem to be good for those who have time for them.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
134. Many church leaders cannot accept qualified advice on handling the church's business.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
135. The primary responsibility of everyone is to work for his own salvation.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
136. You can generally judge a man by the religious denomination to which be belongs.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
137. I enjoy meeting my friends at church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
138. There is a part of myself which belongs only to me.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
139. I try to be conscientious in my spiritual life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
140. My blood boils whenever a person stubbornly refuses to admit he's wrong.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
141. I have never blamed God for my misfortunes.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
142. While I don't like to admit this even to myself, my secret ambition is to become a great man, like Einstein, or Beethoven, or Shakespeare.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
143. I get a great deal from all of the services celebrated in the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE Agree					Disagree
144. When it comes to differences of opinion in religion we must be careful not to compromise with those who believe differently from the way we do.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
145. I seldom study religious materials outside of church school and worship services.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
146. I have always tried to do what was expected of me in the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
147. It's good to send your children to church activities to keep them out of trouble.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
148. Man on his own is a helpless and miserable creature.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
149. It is only when a person devotes himself to an ideal that his life becomes meaningful.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
150. I think that there is practically no difference between what the different Protestant churches believe.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
151. I hope their religious training at church will keep my children from picking up my bad habits.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
152. I tried to be faithful until so many things happened to me.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
153. Many people become carried away by their religion.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
154. I find prayer more comforting than a good friend's concern.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
155. I attend worship services to gain guidance for everyday life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
156. In the history of mankind there have probably been only a handful of really great thinkers.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
157. Others may be very sincere in holding beliefs that are different from my own.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

ITEM	RESPONSE					
	Agree					Disagree
158. I frequently engage in personal prayers.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
159. A large church wedding ceremony is the best way to start off a marriage.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
160. Humility is essential to a truly religious life.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
161. I have tried to learn from my sins.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
162. Some churches should not be allowed to teach the things that they do.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
163. Only those who accept the doctrines of my own church will be saved.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
164. It is better to be a dead hero than a live coward.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
165. The present is all too often full of unhappiness. It is only the future that counts.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
166. All of my friends are in the same church as I.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
167. I don't believe churches do enough about saving souls.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
168. Unfortunately a good many people with whom I have discussed important social and moral problems don't really understand what's going on.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
169. I try to point out to people the true teachings of the church.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
170. I think we should emphasize education in religion and not conversion.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
171. The trouble with letting Jews into a nice neighborhood is that they gradually give it a typical Jewish atmosphere.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
172. I think it is more serious to break God's law than to break man's law.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3
173. I try to guide my daily life by the Holy Word, not common sense or experience.	+3	+2	+1	-1	-2	-3

PLEASE CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE ANSWER YOU MOST CLOSELY AGREE WITH.

1. It is important to me to spend periods of time in private religious thought and meditation.

   a. frequently
   b. occasionally
   c. rarely
   d. never

2. The church is most important as a place to formulate good social relationships.

   a. I definitely disagree
   b. I tend to disagree
   c. I tend to agree
   d. I definitely agree

3. Religion is especially important to me because it answers many questions about the meaning of life.

   a. definitely disagree
   b. tend to disagree
   c. tend to agree
   d. definitely agree

4. I try hard to carry my religion over into all my other dealings in life.

   a. I definitely disagree
   b. I tend to disagree
   c. I tend to agree
   d. I definitely agree

5. Occasionally I find it necessary to compromise my religious beliefs in order to protect my social and economic well-being.

   a. definitely disagree
   b. tend to disagree
   c. tend to agree
   d. definitely agree

6. Religion helps to keep my life balanced and steady in exactly the same way as my citizenship, friendships, and other memberships do.

   a. I definitely agree
   b. I tend to agree
   c. I tend to disagree
   d. I definitely disagree

7. If not prevented by unavoidable circumstances, I attend church:

   a. more than once a week
   b. about once a week
   c. two or three times a month
   d. less than once a month

8. If I were to join in a church group I would prefer to join (1) a Bible Study group or (2) a social fellowship.

   a. I would prefer to join a Bible Study group
   b. I probably would prefer a Bible Study group
   c. I probably would prefer a social fellowship
   d. I would prefer to join a social fellowship

9. The primary purpose of prayer is to gain relief and protection.

   a. I definitely agree
   b. I tend to agree
   c. I tend to disagree
   d. I definitely disagree

10. One reason for my being a church member is that such membership helps to establish a person in the community.

   a. definitely not true
   b. tends not to be true
   c. tends to be true
   d. definitely true

11. The purpose of prayer is to secure a happy and peaceful life.

   a. I definitely disagree
   b. I tend to disagree
   c. I tend to agree
   d. I definitely agree

12. I pray chiefly because I have been taught to pray.

   a. definitely true of me
   b. tends to be true
   c. tends not to be true
   d. definitely not true of me

13. What religion offers me most is comfort when sorrows and misfortune strike.

   a. I definitely disagree
   b. I tend to disagree
   c. I tend to agree
   d. I definitely agree

14. I read literature about my faith (or church).

    a. frequently
    b. occasionally
    c. rarely
    d. never

15. Although I believe in my religion, I feel there are many more important things to my life.

    a. I definitely disagree
    b. I tend to disagree
    c. I tend to agree
    d. I definitely agree

16. Quite often I have been keenly aware of the presence of God or the Divine Being.

    a. definitely not true
    b. tends not to be true
    c. tends to be true
    d. definitely true

17. A primary reason for my interest in religion is that my church is a congenial social activity.

    a. definitely not true of me
    b. tends not to be true
    c. tends to be true
    d. definitely true of me

18. My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life.

    a. definitely not so
    b. probably not so
    c. probably so
    d. definitely so

19. Although I am a religious person I refuse to let religious considerations influence my everyday affairs.

    a. definitely not true of me
    b. tends not to be true
    c. tends to be true
    d. clearly true in my case

20. The prayers I say when I am alone carry as much meaning a personal emotion as those said by me during services.

    a. almost never
    b. sometimes
    c. probably so
    d. definitely so

21. It doesn't matter so much what I believe so long as I lead a moral life.

    a. I definitely disagree
    b. I tend to disagree
    c. I tend to agree
    d. I definitely agree

LISTED BELOW ARE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS CONCERNING PERSONAL ATTITUDES AND TRAITS. READ EACH ITEM AND DECIDE WHETHER THE STATEMENT IS TRUE OR FALSE AS IT PERTAINS TO YOU PERSONALLY. CIRCLE T FOR TRUE AND F FOR FALSE.

T F 1. Before voting I thoroughly investigate the qualifications of all the candidates.

T F 2. I never hesitate to go out of my way to help someone in trouble.

T F 3. It is sometimes hard for me to go on with my work if I am not encouraged.

T F 4. I have never intensely disliked anyone.

T F 5. On occasion I have had doubts about my ability to succeed in life.

T F 6. I sometimes feel resentful when I don't get my way.

T F 7. I am always careful about my manner of dress.

T F 8. My table manners at home are as good as when I eat out in a restaurant.

T F 9. If I could get into a movie without paying for it and be sure I was not seen, I probably would do it.

T F 10. On a few occasions I have given up doing something because I thought too little of my ability.

T F 11. I like to gossip at times.

T F 12. There have been times when I felt like rebelling against people in authority even though I knew they were right.

T F 13. No matter who I'm talking to, I'm always a good listener.

T F 14. I can remember "playing sick" to get out of something.

T F 15. There have been occasions when I took advantage of someone.

T F 16. I'm always willing to admit it when I make a mistake.

T F 17. I always try to practice what I preach.

T F 18. I don't find it particularly difficult to get along with loud-mouthed, obnoxious people.

T F 19. I sometimes try to get even, rather than forgive and forget.

T F 20. When I don't know something I don't at all mind admitting it.

T F 21. I am always courteous, even to people who are disagreeable.

T F 22. At times I really insisted on having things my own way.

T F 23. There have been occasions when I felt like smashing things.

T F 24. I would never think of letting someone else be punished for my wrongdoings.

T F 25. I never resent being asked to return a favor.

T F 26. I have never been irked when people expressed ideas very different from my own.

T F 27. I never make a long trip without checking the safety of my car.

T F 28. There have been times when I was quite jealous of the good fortune of others.

T F 29. I have almost never felt the urge to tell someone off.

T F 30. I am sometimes irritated by people who ask favors of me.

T F 31. I have never felt that I was punished without cause.

T F 32. I sometimes think when people have a misfortune they only got what they deserved.

T F 33. I have never deliberately said something that hurt someone's feelings.

COMMITTED - NOMINAL RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES SCALE

DIRECTIONS

The attached questionnaire has been devised to study one dimension of religion, committed versus nominal religiosity. Many writers from St. Paul to Paul Tillich have stressed this dimension. Because it is an area that has been largely ignored in studies of religion, this questionnaire is being devised to measure this dimension. The application of this questionnaire may help to clarify some of the contradictions seen in the results of research of religious and social attitudes.

The working definition of committed religiosity for this scale is: Those behaviors and shared attitudes seen in an individual whose life style indicates a total dedication to the religious beliefs which he holds in such a manner that these beliefs give him a purpose and goals in life and the personal strength to strive to achieve them.

Nominal religiosity is defined as: Those behaviors and shared attitudes seen in an individual whose life style indicates that he has aligned himself with a religious system, be it an organization or a system of thought, in order to receive personal or social gratification from a perceived power source outside of himself.

You are being asked to make judgements about the items on this scale in order to establish the validity of the scale, and not to study your own attitudes. You have been asked to cooperate in this research because of your interest in and knowledge of religion. You are asked not to put your name on the questionnaire, since we wish to assure anonymity to everyone who responds. You are under no compulsion to return the questionnaire if you feel that any of the items are too personal, or if you object to the study of religious attitudes. No analysis of your individual responses to the questionnaire will be made since we are only interested in evaluating the scale itself.

The questionnaire has 130 items and will probably take about one hour to complete. Please be sure to answer all 130 items. It is suggested that you find a quiet spot when you fill this in so that you can comtemplate your responses seriously. Please do not consult others who may be answering the questionnaire also, since we need your independent opinion.

Please mark the number beside each statement which in your judgement best describes the statement. The seven point scale you are to use is:

1 Definitely would be agreed to by a nominally religious person.

2. Probably would be agreed to by a nominally religious person.

3 Might be agreed to by a nominally religious person.

4 Would not be answered differently by either a committed or a nominally religious person.

5 Might be agreed to by a committed religious person.

6 Probably would be agreed to by a committed religious person.

7 Definitely would be agreed to by a committed religious person.

While some of the terms used in the questionnaire may not be perfectly acceptable to your religious understanding and some items may not be clear cut one way or the other, please do your best in answering each item. Remember, please do not sign the form. Return the form to the person who gave it to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Roger A. Meyer

COMMITTED-NOMINAL RELIGIOUS ATTITUDES SCALE

Age_____ Sex_____ Occupation_____

Education in total number of years of school_____

Residence City and State_____

Religious Affiliation (Rom. Cath., Baptist, Ref. Judiasm, etc.)

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Religious position (minister, lay, deacon, etc.)

_____.

ITEM	Definitely Nominal 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Definitely Committed
1. I find forgiveness through confession to God	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
2. I feel I have established many good contacts at church.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
3. I seldom study religious materials outside of church-school and worship services.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
4. Many people become carried away by their religion.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
5. My faith has helped me to accept misfortunes.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
6. I am thankful for the guidance of others in improving my religious life.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
7. Some religious groups don't act very religious.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
8. I do not always measure up to my own religious ideals.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
9. Humility is essential to a truly religious life.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_

ITEM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
10. I am sometimes embarrassed when people talk personally about their religious life	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
11. I try to point out to people the true teachings of the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
12. I do not mind giving to a church building fund since I can see where my money is going.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
13. Beautiful church rituals are the greatest part of religion to me.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
14. My faith has given me the confidence to do things.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
15. I try to give both of my time and of my money to the service of God.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
16. I try to be conscientious in my spiritual life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
17. I don't mind giving money to keep up the church building.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
18. I would give my life for my faith.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
19. I always make an effort to be of help to others.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
20. Anyone who wants to be socially respectable should belong to some church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
21. I try to handle any "rough" situation with prayer.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
22. I try to follow the teachings of my faith.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
23. One should make his moral decisions according to the situation at hand.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
24. God loves a rapist as much as he loves me.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
25. We are all sons of our Creator.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
26. Others may be very sincere in holding beliefs that are different from my own.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
27. You can generally judge a man by the religious denomination to which he belongs.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

ITEM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
28. I feel I serve God when I help my fellow man.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
29. I have never questioned the teachings of my church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
30. A lot of people in the church are really hypocrites.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
31. I try to guide my daily life by the Holy Word not common sense or experience.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
32. I think the church offering should be used locally.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
33. I do not mind discussing my religious convictions with those who disagree.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
34. I love to dress up in new clothes for Easter services.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
35. Personal problems have strengthend my faith.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
36. I think the different races are more comfortable in their own churches.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
37. I enjoy telling others who are interested about my religious concerns.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
38. My being a church member has helped me many times in my business life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
39. My faith helps me to conquer all my fears.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
40. I trust God to give me what I pray for.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
41. Most of my activities center around the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
42. One of the main reasons I attend church is to see my old friends.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
43. My religion helps me to accept people as they are.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
44. Church attendance is one of my good habits.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
45. I feel that my religious convictions have had a positive influence on all aspects of my life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
46. I try to worship at the weekday services as well as on the Sabbath.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

ITEM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
47. My ideas on religion have always been fairly loose.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
48. I have always tried to do what was expected of me in the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
49. I feel that prayer is essential to my life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
50. I feel very secure in my faith in God.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
51. I have always done my religious duties as my parents taught me.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
52. One must do his Christian duties as well as not doing wrong, in order to be saved.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
53. When I can spare time from my work, I try to help out with church work.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
54. I always try to help out where I can.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
55. I am not ashamed to tell people exactly what I give to the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
56. Most ministers should improve their sermons to make them interesting to people.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
57. I have tried to learn from my sins.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
58. I always temper my religious beliefs with reality.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
59. I feel that different groups of people should worship each in their own way.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
60. I trust God completely with my life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
61. God is more important to me than my family.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
62. A large church wedding ceremony is the best way to start off a marriage.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
63. I like to think of the church as a hospital for the soul.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
64. I never trust anyone who doesn't believe in God.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
65. I frequently engage in personal prayers.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
66. Religious literature should be made more relevant.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

	ITEM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
67.	Most church leaders should learn how to run things in a business-like way.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
68.	The church needs to work hard to keep our children from becoming hippies.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
69.	I firmly hold to my religious convictions.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
70.	I think everyone should make a special effort to attend church on Easter Sunday.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
71.	My religious beliefs are such that I must speak out against what I feel is wrong.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
72.	I have never worried about giving beyond my means.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
73.	I have always tried to be a regular guy, both while I'm in church and when I'm not.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
74.	The primary responsibility of everyone is to work for his own salvation.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
75.	I try not to accept responsibilities in the work of the church that I cannot fulfill completely.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
76.	Through confession to God, I have found peace.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
77.	All of my religious activities are habits.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
78.	While some things upset me, I try not to dwell on them.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
79.	Many church leaders cannot accept qualified advice on handling the church's business.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
80.	I don't have time to worry about religion when I'm not at the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
81.	There is a part of myself which belongs only to me.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
82.	I attend worship services to gain guidance for everyday life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
83.	I feel everyone should send his children to services on the Sabbath.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
84.	Many church leaders are not forceful enough in handling the church's business.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

ITEM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
85. I tried to be faithful until so many things happened to me.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
86. I try to read the Holy Word regularly.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
87. I enjoy meeting my friends at church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
88. People seldom really mean to hurt other people.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
89. I have found peace with myself because of my religion.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
90. Some people act as if church work is all I have to do.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
91. I try to be realistic in applying religious ideals to my life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
92. Religion is important in one's getting the best from life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
93. I feel that one's political life should be an outgrowth of one's religious life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
94. I enjoy talking to others about my religious beliefs.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
95. I attend church more often than most of my neighbors.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
96. Most people have some mental reservations about the teachings of the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
97. I feel that my religion makes my life worthwhile.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
98. I feel I am qualified to give people advice on many aspects of religion.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
99. I feel that I can learn a great deal from talking to others about living a religious life.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
100. You shouldn't bore non-religious people by discussing your religion with them.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
101. One should always attempt to deepen his understanding of his faith.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
102. I feel completely forgiven by God.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
103. I get a great deal from all of the services celebrated in the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

	ITEM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
104.	One can promote peace and justice through the church.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
105.	I have received a great deal from religion in times of crisis.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
106.	I worry most about what may happen to me that I'm not expecting.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
107.	I usually attend church if I have nothing pressing to be done.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
108.	I have never blamed God for my misfortunes.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
109.	Prayer and meditation seem to be good for those who have time for them.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
110.	I reserve time on the Sabbath for fulfilling religious duties.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
111.	My religious beliefs have carried me through bereavement and happiness.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
112.	No wrong is unforgiveable in God's eyes.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
113.	I feel that I should attend worship services whenever I can.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
114.	It is impossible to be happy without being deeply religious.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
115.	Only those religious teachings which stress good will are important.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
116.	Some churches should not be allowed to teach the things that they do.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
117.	I try to apply my religious convictions to my work.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
118.	Only those who accept the doctrines of my own church will be saved.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
119.	I have never been embarrassed about discussing my religious convictions.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
120.	I try to help people without giving advice.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
121.	I enjoy reading religious magazines and literature.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
122.	I find prayer more comforting than a good friend's concern.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

	ITEM	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
123.	All of my friends are in the same church as I.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
124.	I feel it is a bad policy to disagree with anyone about religious beliefs.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
125.	I hope their religious training at church will keep my children from picking up my bad habits.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
126.	I enjoy visiting sick or shut-in people to cheer them up.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
127.	I am absolutely certain about my religious beliefs.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
128.	I feel that my relationship with God influences all of my life.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
129.	I feel that 10% of my earnings is the beginning point and not the goal of my giving to God.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_
130.	It's good to send your children to church activities to keep them out of trouble.	1_2_3_4_5_6_7_

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Dear Sir:

In Matthew 7:16-20 we read, "By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." From this it seems that it is proper for one to try to determine if one is religious from his actions. I am working with Dr. Ralph Mason Dreger, a clinical psychologist and an ordained minister, on establishing a scale for identifying committed and nominally religious people. It is important to both religion and psychology that an adequate measure of commitment be available.

Attached are some forms which I would like for you and a few members of your congregation to answer as best you can and then return them to me in the enclosed, addressed envelope. Please be as forthright as possible. I do not want your names on the form. While you may feel that research in this area is inappropriate, let me point out that it has been done and I am sure it will be done again because of its importance in understanding human behavior.

Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Please ask the following types of people to fill in the questionnaires. If it is not possible to get these particular types of people to cooperate, anyone will be acceptable as a respondent.

1. Minister and associate minister or professional church worker
2. Any 2 older men active in the church
3. Any 2 older women active in the church
4. Any 2 younger men active in the church
5. Any 2 younger women active in the church
6. Any 2 teenage boys
7. Any 2 teenage girls

Religious affiliation refers to the denomination or church to which the respondent belongs.

Position in the church refers to any held by the respondent such as minister, deacon, trustee, Sunday school teacher, etc.

Educ. should be given as the total number of years of formal schooling, e.g., high school graduate would be 12.

PRELIMINARY QUESTIONNAIRE WITH INTRODUCTORY LETTER AND INSTRUCTION SHEET
APPENDIX 1

Religious Affiliation:_____

Position in Church:_____ Educ:_____

City:_____ Age:_____ Sex:_____

DESCRIPTION OF A DEVOUTLY RELIGIOUS PERSON

1. Think of the most devout, religiously inspired person whom you know: the one who best personifies the ideal life of faith. Without naming the individual, list the words or phrases which best describe him or her, i.e., his or her actions, beliefs and life style. Try to describe him or her as a total person and not just the "religious" aspects.

2. Write down in phrases, clauses or sentences the specific behaviors you have observed about the individual which cause you to see him or her as a truly religious person. Think of only the one individual and try to be specific.

3. If there are any other behaviors, beliefs or characteristics which you feel describe people other than the one above, whom you feel embody the spirit of truly inspired and devout religious individuals, write them down without naming the people involved.

DESCRIPTION OF A NOMINALLY RELIGIOUS PERSON

1. Think of an individual whom you consider to be nominally religious, i.e., one who seems to be motivated by external social considerations rather than internal devout faith. Without naming the individual, list the words or phrases which best describe him or her, i.e., his or her actions, beliefs or life style. Try to describe him or her as a total person and not just the "religious" aspects.

2. Write down in phrases, clauses or sentences the specific behaviors you have observed about the individual which cause you to see him or her as a nominally religious person.

3. Try to pinpoint the religious behaviors and beliefs which this person does or has which may be contradictory to your classification of him or her as a nominally religious pperson.

4. If there ane any other behaviors, beliefs or characteristics which you feel describe people other than the one above, whom you feel exemplify the nominally religious type of individual, write them down without naming the people.

5. If you wish to elaborate on the nature of the difference between a committed and a nominally religious person, please do so.

Factor Scales Obtained By Eliminating Overlapping Items and Non-Interpretable Scales From Original Factor Distribution

Factor	1st		2nd	3rd	4th	5th	9th	
	11	111	13	3	2	37	1	
	41	112	26 R*	4	12	49	5	
	57	114	27	10	17	50	6	
	60	117	29	23	20	61	8	
	82	119	32	47	38	65	9	
	89	121	33 R*	56	41	67	14	
	94	122	34	58	48	69	15	
	97	126	36	73	51	71	16	
	98	127	42	80	55	72	18	
Scale	99	129	62	81	87	75	19	
Item	101		64	85	90	76	21	
Number	102		68	91	92	78	22	
	103		70	96	95	79	31	
	104		74	100	113	84	35	
	105		77	106	125	86	39	
	108		83	107	130		45	
	110		116	109			46	
			118	124			128	
			123					
Total Number of Items in Factor	27		19	18	16	15	18	

*Reverse Scoring